



Milwaukie Arts Committee (artMOB)
September 17, 2014 | 5:30 pm
Milwaukie City Hall Conference Room - 2nd Floor
MINUTES

In attendance:

Staff: Cheryl Snow

Committee: Jeff Davis, Lars Campbell, Maitri Dirmeyer, Rebecca Banyas, Lisa Fossen

Visitors: Denise Emmerling-Baker, Mitch Nieman, Grady Wheeler

Absent: Val Hubbard, Andrea Adams, Shannon Smith, Kara Busick

1. Meeting is called to order at 5:35 PM. The minutes from August's meeting are moved, seconded and unanimously approved as submitted.

2. Speaker Series:

Review of September's speaker, Bobby Heagerty. The turnout was good, one of the best we've had for the speaker series. Some discussion is held as to why. More advertising, the partnership with the Arts Alliance, and who was speaking were offered as possible reasons. There will be no speaker at the October First Friday. Some discussion is held on the future of this series, if we'd like to continue it in the future. It is tabled until the next meeting, where we'll discuss our vision for our First Friday participation. **Action item:** County Coalition grant due October 15, 2015. Rebecca is going to work on this. This could fund some events for next summer's series.

3. Community Events:

Mitch Nieman reports on the current things going on in City Hall, including plans to replace Beth Ragel's position. The Trimet opening in September, 2015 is a big talking point. The city is looking for many people to help shape the event, and artMOB should have a presence in these discussions.

4. Scarecrow Contest:

Discussion of logistics of the scarecrow contest. Grady Wheeler and Jeff Davis have been in contact, and are working on details. The application is up on the city website, and we finalize details about judging, scarecrow drop-off, and prizes.

5. Public art policies and guidelines:

With new people at the table at this meeting, there is discussion again that we should get our mural program happening and running before we start working on Public Art Policies and



Guidelines. Cheryl points out that we don't have a Public Art Program currently, but we DO have a mural program. There is some confusion about how this process works, especially given how new many of the members in attendance are. **Action item:** Grady to get materials to bring to next meeting regarding how our mural processes work so that new members of the committee can be up to speed. There is also discussion of needing to work on funding, both through the city and through our own committee's fundraising to fund the mural program's discretionary process.

6. Sculpture Garden:

Cheryl reports that installation is set for September 28. The artists are going to get together to help each other with installation. We also discuss the signage (some sort of plaque) to let people know in the garden that the items are for sale. Elizabeth has already been in touch with the city manager about this, so work is being done to move that forward.

7. Executive Committee:

Discussion of our bylaws, and the fact that Jeff Davis is already past this three-term stint. For next meeting, we need to have a discussion about a succession plan. We will find out who is interested in chairing the committee, and get them picking Jeff's brain for any institutional history they can pick up.

8. Other News:

Denise mentions that Chris Haberman is having an opening at the Alberta Abbey.

9. Meeting adjourns at 7:05 PM